

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8 12-14 and 18 so as to address the pending rejection and objections set forth in the Office Action. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, which has been cancelled, and claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 19, which has also been cancelled. As claims 2 and 19 were indicated to recite patentable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and 18, as amended, are in condition for allowance. The remaining amendments to the claims address the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections and objections regarding the use of improper multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter being recited by claims 2, 3-6, 9-13-17 and 19. It is respectfully submitted that, as amended, all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In addition to the foregoing claim amendments, Applicants have amended the specification to address the objection thereto set forth in paragraph 1 of the Office Action, and have amended the title in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Finally, with regard to the objection to the drawings, Applicants respectfully submit that further amendments to the drawings are not necessary. Each of the elements contained in Figs. 1 and 2 are properly identified with a reference numeral and are identified in the specification by name and reference to the reference numeral. Moreover, the size of the "boxes" set forth in the figures representing some of the elements are not of sufficient size so as to include labels therein. As such, it is respectfully submitted that

elements contained within Figs. 1 and 2 are clearly identified within the specification and therefore no additional amendments to the figures are necessary.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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